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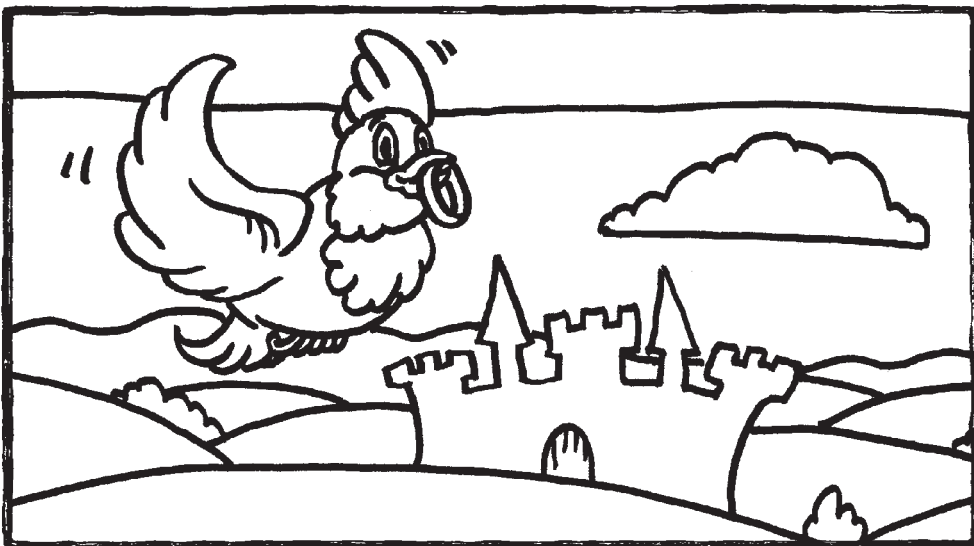


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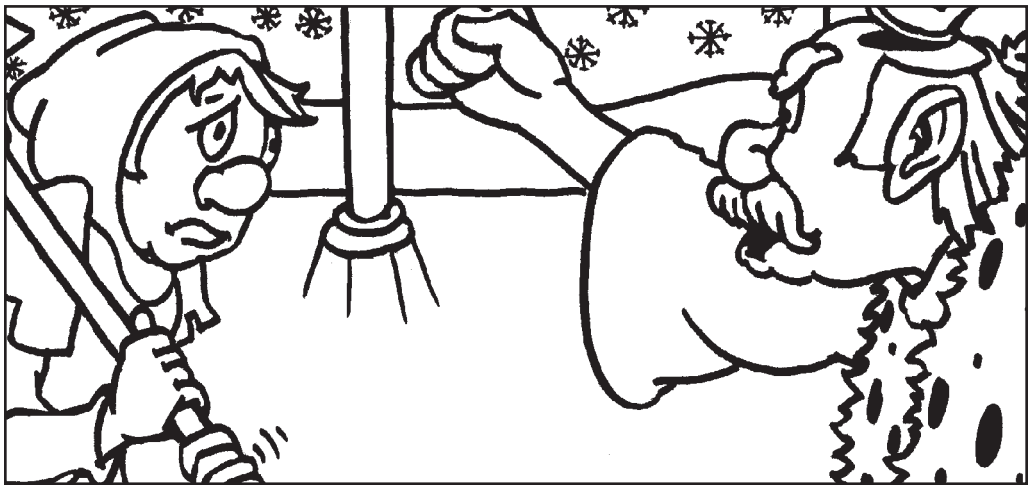
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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
New phonic element	ng digraph
Reviewed phonic elements	long vowel VCe patterns; consonant digraphs sh, ch, ck
Story words	bird, thing, lost, snow tree
Revised story word	tree
New high-frequency words	before, eat
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -ing, -er; possessive apostrophe s; two syllable decodable words

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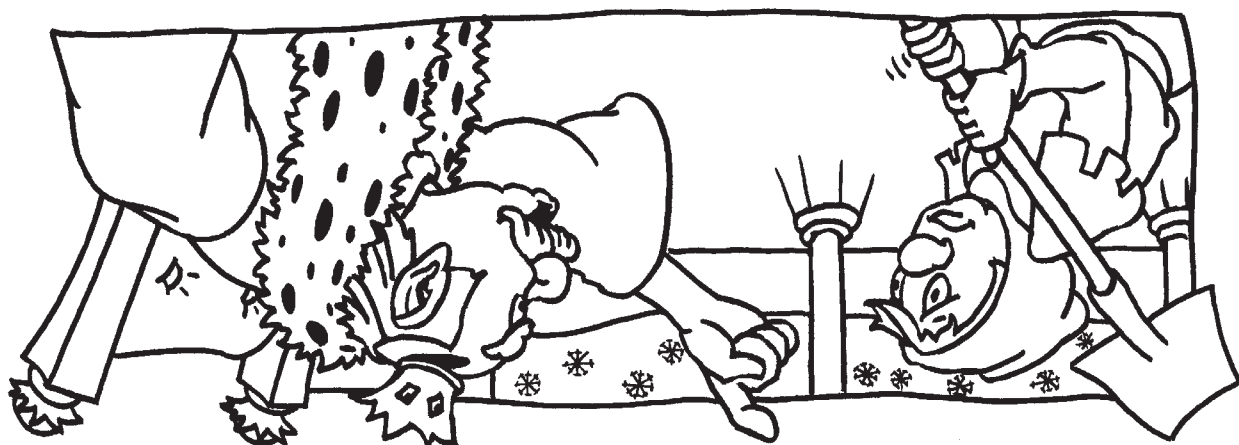


One day the king of Ding Dong
looked at his hand.
"Help!" he said.
"I have lost my ring!
I must have dropped it in the snow."

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The king said to the squire,
"It is such a nice ring.
Do not linger for much longer.
Go and look for my ring.
Dig up all the snow if you have to.
You must get my ring!"

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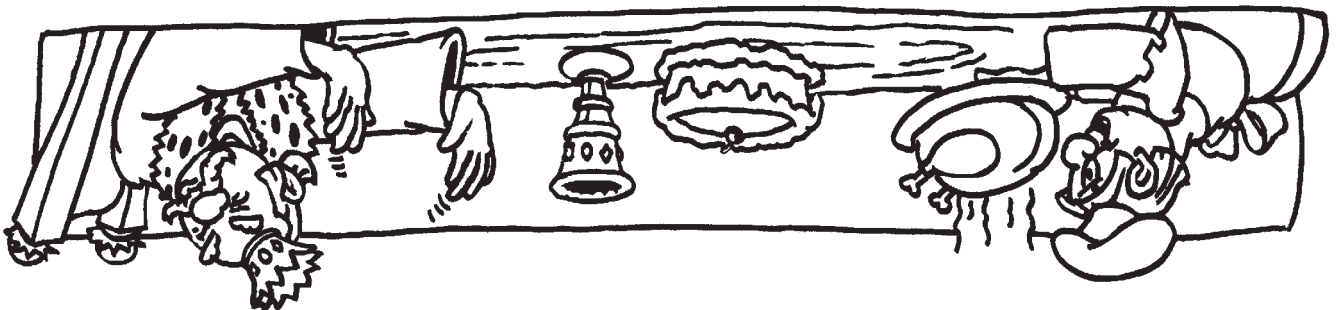


The squire hired a gang of men
to look for the ring.
"You have to look for
the king's ring," he said.
"Dig up all the snow if you have to.
You must get the ring!"

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The king felt sick.
He could not eat a thing.
"I will not eat a single
thing,"
he said.
"Bring me my ring,
and then I will eat!"





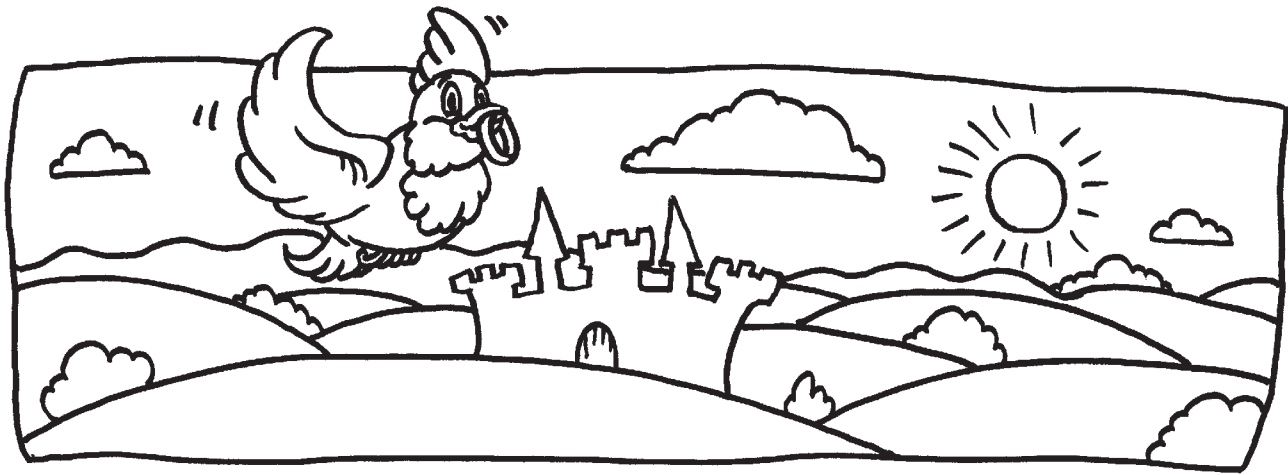
The squire said, "You must eat
to be strong."
But the king would not eat a thing.
"It is a shame the king is so sad.
We must get his ring back
before spring has sprung,"
said the squire.

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Before long it was spring.
The ring was still missing,
and the king was still not eating.
He was now skin and bones.
But the snow was melting.
Would they get the ring now?





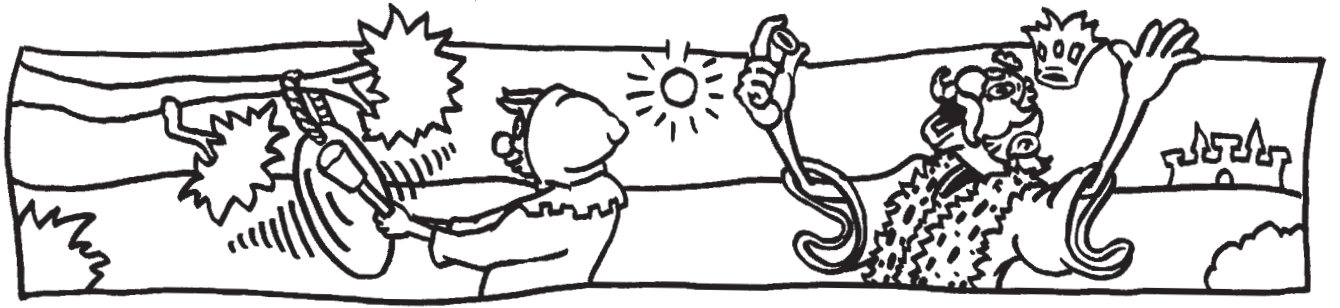
A bird on the wing looked down.
 It saw a shape shining in the grass.
 It was the king's ring.
 The bird picked up the ring
 in its bill, and flapped its wings.

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It went to see the king.
 It sang out, "I have the king's ring."
 The ring dropped from its bill
 and landed next to the king.





The king dashed up to the squire.
 "I have my ring back," he said.
 "Bang the gong on the shelf."

The gong clanged and banged.
 "The king has his ring back,"
 the squire yelled.

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The king was happy.
 "Bring me as much as you can to eat,"
 he said.
 "Let us sing," said the squire.
 They sang song after
 song to the happy king.

